



UNDERCURRENT

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"CHANGE IS A GOOD THING"

In a recent interview with Dr. Turner concerning the current controversy on the "unlimited cuts" issue, Dr. Turner cited two main reasons why students flunk out - "a lack of technical know-how to do the work, and apart from this his attitude toward himself." At college, the student internalizes a new attitude toward his "self". He does not see himself as a success. Therefore, we have to help him change. We provide an environment with people who can help him and show him. It is hard to interact in a strange place. "We have many strangers here and we have to make them feel at home." We have to have a system of class attendance for records. There have been cases where students have been sick and alone without food and medication. When it was realized that they were missing from many classes, the situation was checked into and assistance given. Some students leave school without going through the proper procedures. Parents, employers, etc. call the school looking for them, and we don't know where they are.

Dr. Turner noted that "change is a good thing if it has direction and motivation, and if the majority of responsible students are in favor of a change, then the question certainly merits consideration."

"POLITICS '68 - THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION"

SPEAKER: MR. RICHARD DELGUIDICE

WEDNESDAY 11:30 AUDITORIUM

"MAKE A NEW REACH" - FILM NOV. 10 - 11:30

Sponsored by the Education Club.

Student Body and Faculty Welcome!

YOUR STUDENT LEADERS SPEAK

MIKE DELPHA--Pres., Student Government

SHALL WE?

The question of whether or not the college policy of mandatory class attendance is of benefit to the student is a difficult one to be sure. A lengthy two-hour discussion in the last regular Student Government meeting attests to this fact.

Since last June I have personally considered the question many times. After an attempt to Welch all the facts at my disposal, I think that an extension of the policy, say to 5 or 6 cuts per course per semester would be an efficient, workable policy.

Remember, this is only my point of view. What you, the students want is my only concern here. I will represent you before the Administration with any proposal you see fit. If you feel a change is not necessary at this time I will take no action. If, however, you do I will work for you.

RICH OSTROWSKI--Pres., Freshman Class

"NO COMMENT"

LOUIE SILVA--Pres., Senior Class

WHY UNLIMITED CUTS?

Come on people--let's face it! You know yourselves that Greenfield Community College is a college that gives people that "second chance" which other colleges or universities fail to do. Why not utilize your time constructively and to the best of your ability?

Greenfield Community College is setting up the hurdles for us once more and it is up to us to pick ourselves up off the ground, brush ourselves off, and try to jump over them again. Will it do us any good to cut, cut, cut, and have fun, fun, fun? No, of course not! Those of you who are in favor of "unlimited cuts" fail to take into consideration those people who are fresh out of high school--the majority in the seventeen and eighteen year bracket.

SILVA (Cont.)

When they enter their first year of college how would they react to "unlimited cuts"? They're still young and don't know which way to turn. By having this limited cut rule we guide them along until they have both their feet on the ground, like the majority of other colleges and universities do for the first two years. Should Greenfield Community College lead you astray by inducing "unlimited cuts" for all? Should it impose upon you with so much freedom that you just don't know what to do with it? Is this just? This, my fellow classmates, I will leave up to your own discretion.

I feel that the limited cut rule, which, incidentally, was initiated by a governing board of well-trained and experienced minds, gives the students, especially the freshmen, that incentive which they need to attend class. Let's face it, we all need a little guidance the first couple of years of college. This "limited cut" rule also helps the border-line students who are obviously having trouble. It is, in a sense, a "guiding light" for them. They get to appreciate their classes more. For those of you who don't, well don't let the door hit you on the way out. One must also admit that this limited cut rule of (3 class meetings per week, 3 absences; 2 class meetings per week, 2 absences) is better than none. Come on students, how fair can this college get?

Those students who wish to attend Greenfield Community College should accept the rules set down by the school. As we grow older and more mature as we continue our education then I can see the "unlimited cut" rule for the junior and senior years of college, but as it stands now, at GCC I see no wrong with the present system. It is fair, reasonable, and just. Allow me to close with this little adage in which I'd like all of you to think about: "If you want to play, then you've got to pay."

JIM LANGLOIS - Vice-Pres., Student Government

The student body seems to be divided in opinion on the class cut issue; some expressing satisfaction with the present system, others pushing for all out "unlimited cuts". I, myself, prefer limited cuts but more of them, say 7 or 8. However, if "unlimited cuts" is the wish of the majority of students, then I, as their representative, will comply with their wants and fight for them.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT POLL RESULTS LISTED

Percentages based on a sample of 200.

Favoring "UNLIMITED CUTS" 76%

Against "UNLIMITED CUTS" 23%

No Opinion 1%

Of the 23% against "unlimited cuts" 75% favored more cuts than we now have, (Most often named suggestions, 5 or 6, 7 or 8.)

5% of those against "unlimited cuts" are satisfied with the present system.

A NO CUT SYSTEM

As pointed out by Mr. Keir, GCC. at present has a "no cut policy." The student handbook uses the word "absence" which means that students are expected to be present in class but that no question is asked of students who have not exceeded the limit of absences allowed. It is expected that these absences are to be used in the case of illness, or when a situation renders it impossible for the student to be in class. There is a difference between cuts and absences although the difference might seem to be symmetrical. It is up to the individual as to how he uses his absences, but when they become excessive, he can expect to be questioned concerning them. Field Trips and other such events sponsored by the school are not counted against the limit of cuts.

FOOTBALL RALLY WEDNESDAY

The Girl's Athletic Club will have a "Powder Puff Football" game Sunday at 2:00 p.m. at Beacon Field. Tickets may be purchased at the game or at the Rally to be held in the school parking lot Wed. at 11:30 or anytime Thurs. or Fri. by contacting Sandy Beaudoin, or "Trace". Tickets are 25¢. Refreshments will be served at the game.

Students are reminded to pick up their applications for graduation in the office of Student Personell. These must be returned by Nov. 21 with the \$15 application fee. Students who do not return applications on time will not be allowed to graduate.

COLLEGE WITHIN A COLLEGE

recent U. of Mass. news release disclosed plans to establish the University College--a college within the University that reflects the diverse character of the institution as a whole but with buildings, faculty, curriculum and identity of its own. It should be designed to reflect, in its offerings, its student body, and its curricular and extracurricular programs, the diversity that is characteristic of the large university. At the same time, as a collegial unit of the university, it should be sufficiently cohesive to develop a special integrity of its own."

"A very flexible core curriculum of introductory courses is recommended, followed by an advanced curriculum leading to two types of degrees: a general degree program to provide a broad liberal arts-type education or to prepare students for further professional study; and a concentrated degree program designed to encourage students with special abilities and interests to proceed as far as their talents, curiosity and diligence will take them."

A residential college offers the advantage of a small community of faculty and students and at the same time offers the benefits of a diversified modern university.

MOVIE

November 10 7:30 p.m. GCC Aud.
 "ONLY TWO CAN PLAY"

MR. DELGUIDICE TO SPEAK ON ELECTIONS

Mr. Richard DelGuidice, History and Political Science instructor at GCC, will speak on "Politics '68 - The Presidential Election."

DelGuidice received his B.A. in Political Science from Drew U. in '61 and his M.A. from the University of Mass. in '64 where he was elected to Phi Kappa Phi. He was also a Graduate Teaching Fellow at U.M. At present, Mr. DelGuidice is writing his PhD. Dissertation on "Communist Revolutions-A Comparative Study of the Soviet, Yugoslav, and Chinese Revolutions."

This is Mr. "Del's" fourth year on the GCC faculty where he is almost legendary among students of Government 101.

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REC. LEADERS CLUB ANNOUNCES OFFICERS

Officers of the Recreation Leaders Club have been recently elected. President of the RLC is Carolyn Tracy; Dennis Mullen, Treasurer; Karin Kimball, Secretary; and Cheryl Holton, Student Government Representative.

The RLC provides recreation programs and service for the College, the Community, and the region. Meetings are held at 11:30 a.m. on the first Monday of every month.

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SYMPHONY ANNOUNCES TWENTY-NINTH SEASON

The Pioneer Valley Symphony opens their twenty-ninth season with Renato Bonacini, distinguished violinist, in concert Saturday, November 11, at 8:15 p.m. This is Bonacini's fourth appearance with the Symphony. He received critical acclaim for his recent performance of the Bartok Violin Concerto in New York's Philharmonic Hall. He appears as soloist in the Beethoven Concerto in D major for Violin and Orchestra. Also included on the program: Overture, Colas Breugnon-Kabalevsky and Symphony #4 Brahms.

The Christmas Concert will feature the Pioneer Valley Symphony Chorus under the direction of Helen Stott Spencer. The February program will include the Young Musicians of the Area and the Artists Showcase. The March cello soloist is David Wells and the final concert in May features Hanns Steger, a young German pianist and member of the faculty of the Northfield Schools.

Season tickets at \$3.00 for students, \$10.00 for adults, may be obtained at the front office.

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If those bad ole machines are taking your money and giving nothing in return, do not despair!! Please inform someone in Student Personnel and they will reimburse you. Also, it might be noted that a change-making machine is being considered.

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PLEASE PICK UP YOUR STUDENT ID CARDS!!!

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ED. CLUB MEMBERS!!!!

Sign up NOW for Field Trip -- See Phil May.

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CHECK TELEPHONE BULLETIN BOARD DAILY, PLEASE.

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STUDENTS VIEW CUT ISSUE

FREEDOM OF CHOICE

How great is your desire for an education? Great enough to go to class of your own free will? Or must you be forced to attend regularly by "limited cuts?" Are you attending GCC of your own free will, or are your parents putting pressure on you? Because of a sincere desire for knowledge or is it "the thing to do?" Preparing for your future or avoiding the draft? Freedom of choice is the American Way of Life. Without this freedom of choice, of what value is anything?

The expression "to be or not to be" might be expressed as "to think or not to think". Without thinking, Man cannot exist very long. Without freedom of choice, of what value is existence? Is it true as Erich Fromm suggests in his book, Escape From Freedom, that Man doesn't want the responsibility to think, and make his own decisions; that someone else should do the thinking for him, and make the decisions for him? If that assumption is true, then why in the Soviet Union, where most of the decisions are made by the State, isn't everyone happy? (see Nov. issue of Reader's Digest; condensed book section; WORKERS PARADISE LOST)

If there were "unlimited cuts" at GCC, only those students interested in obtaining an education would attend classes. The others might possibly flunk out. This would make room for more students who were sincerely interested in learning, thereby improving the level of education. The choice is yours. Are you responsible enough to make it, or must someone else think for you?

Gerald N. Edwardsen

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FOOD BASKETS

The Circle K will be collecting food (canned) to donate to underprivileged families for Thanksgiving. Food baskets will be around school for your kind donations Nov. 8 thru 15. Please help out.

*This is a good opportunity to get rid of that can of asparagus that your mother so generously gave you on your last visit home.

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TO THE CIRCLE K

Do hungry students qualify?

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TO THE EDITOR

I PROPOSE two separate and distinct plans to remedy this "unlimited cuts" situation, which seems to be causing quite a stir amongst several of our students.

First, a system based on the number of credit hours given the student by the enrollment in a particular course, i.e., Psychology 203, CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PSYCHOLOGY, presently meets on Tuesday and Thursday and carries three hours of credit. Presently, a student enrolled in this course is only allowed two cuts a semester, but under my proposal, he would be allowed three cuts per semester in this particular course. This proposal, if carried out with the full approval of the Administration, would be applicable to all students including freshmen.

My second proposal, open to equal consideration by the students, as well as the Administration, would be to eliminate all cuts for first semester freshmen, or allow first semester freshmen cuts apportionate to the number of credit hours per course for which they are registered, and allow all second semester freshmen or sophomore status unlimited cuts.

As the reader can see, there are unlimited possibilities for resolving this problem. I signed the petition indicating a positive response, but did not realize that all freshmen were included in the proposed "unlimited cut" system. I firmly believe that before a freshman is permitted to exercise his right to take advantage of an unlimited cut system, he should prove himself worthy and capable of carrying a full college load, and if he is to cut several meetings of a particular course, be able to carry the responsibility of making up any lost work.

Therefore, I leave the readers of UNDERCURRENT, the students of GCC, with this final word:

Remember the responsibility that you are incurring upon yourselves, if you are to undertake such a system.

Robert E. Seligman

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ATTENTION

WOMEN'S ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEETING - Monday - 11:30 -- Room to be announced.

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E STUDENT BODY

Greenfield Community College is becoming more stagnant than a swamp. It is slowly becoming polluted by its students, who in polluting the college, are polluting their minds.

The students walk around the halls on their tip toes, carefully avoiding any conflict with the faculty. The students are second-guessing the professors, hoping to answer in terms that fit the professors philosophy, rather than their own. The students carefully avoid putting their names near the top of a petition, for they don't want it to look as if they are among the instigators. Some students go as far as to refuse to put their opinions on the "Unlimited Class Cuts" poll, because they don't want to rock the ship.

Greenfield Community College is a ship that most definitely needs rocking. There is a need for a vibrant, breathing student body, there is no need for this mumification which is now taking place.

This does not mean that you, the students, must revolt, only that you must react. Because you live in Deerfield, or Northampton, or anywhere else, does not mean that you are not a part of this institution. How many times have you heard the phrase "Well, I live in Hatfield, I have to commute every day, I don't have time for school activities?" The hell you don't have time. What do you do, rush home every day and study from 2:00 until midnight? Or do you

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DON COSSACKS COMING!!!

G. Soloduhin, the intrepid Cossack, whose hair-raising daggar dance is one of the most exciting interludes in the program of the Platoff Don Cossack singers and dancers to be presented at the Greenfield High School Auditorium, Dec. 7th is probably the most photographed cossack in the world. In the current program of the Cossacks, Soloduhin is featured in the Lozginka, a barbaric dance which begins on the sad lilt of a peasant song and concludes in a wild dance of jubilation. With the entire chorus providing the vocal background, Soloduhin performs the traditional dance with daggars which never fails to stir his audience.

*This performance is not covered by CEP passes. Admission is \$2.00 per ticket.

DATE: December 7

TIME: 8:00 p.m.

PLACE: Greenfield High School Auditorium

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Student Body (Continued)

go home and watch "Love of Life" and "The Dating Game", then study so that you will be done in time to watch "Peyton Place"? Don't look at the person beside you, look at yourself because I have just described you--Joe Average Student at GCC.

Did you know that as of now, we have no coach for the basketball team? Do you know why the submitted budgets for student activities were cut so rashly? Do you know why there is only a little more than ten thousand dollars in the student activities fund, after every student at the college has paid a twenty-five dollar student activity fee, and there are over six hundred and fifty students at the college?

WHY DON'T YOU KNOW?

Why don't you get interested, ask questions, find out why!! Remember, it's your school, and you run it, so why don't you get out of your box seat and go out on the field. Until you do, you'll remain a group of sheep waiting for the shepherd to lead you around until he decides to butcher you.

Peter Haughton

LOOKING FOR A CAUSE?

JOIN THE DRIVE FOR "UNLIMITED CUTS"

Just look at all the advantages -

- a. you are free
- b. you don't have to go to class
- c. you won't have to sleep in the back row of the room at 8:30 in the morning
- d. the faculty will no longer care about you
- e. you will be treated like the adult you think you are
- f. you will be able to flunk out without a single person pressuring you not to.

JOIN THE CAUSE FOR ADULTHOOD AND FREEDOM.

JOIN THE MARCH ON THE OFFICE FOR UNLIMITED CUTS.

Phil May

There will be a meeting of all interested persons for the production of:

"EGAD!, WHAT A CAD" and
"A MARRIAGE PROPOSAL"

PUBLICITY --- SET CONSTRUCTION

MAKE UP -- LIGHTING-Equipment is coming' ETC.

Meeting - Wed. night - 7:00 p.m. Auditorium